

Address of Requesting Entity: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$300,000 for the McBean Regional Transit Center's (MRTC) park-and-ride facility project. This effort is a vital expansion of an intermodal, transportation hub that serves hundreds of local bus riders, commuters, carpools, and vanpools every day. This funding would be used to help construct a permanent park-and-ride lot (300 parking spaces), provide passenger loading areas, bus bays, and the infrastructure to service passengers using multimodal travel. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the additional demand for transit service into the City of Los Angeles (a ridership that has increased 31% over the last six years), increase safety and efficiency, cut emissions, and provide economic development opportunities within the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Palmdale, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 38300 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$200,000 to assist the City of Palmdale's efforts to expand the Transportation Center's train platform to accommodate the additional Metrolink train cars. The project provides this extension to conform to current Metrolink standards, which were adopted after construction of the center. This project is vital to ensuring continued public transit access into Los Angeles from the Antelope Valley.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH—

OF NEW JERSEY—

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence—

Address of Requesting Entity: The School for Children with Hidden Intelligence, 812 E. County Line Road, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: The \$250,000 in funding would be used to help in the construction of a new 52,000 square foot facility to accommodate the increased need for special educational services. The facility, located on a 13-acre wooded campus, will provide services for New Jersey's severely disabled and underprivileged children.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: JOHN M. SHIMKUS

Bill: 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Lincoln Land CC

Requesting Entity: Lincoln Land Community College at 5250 Shepherd Rd. Springfield, IL 62794.

The funding will be for the LLCC HIRE Education Program to allow for pre apprenticeship training in energy production fields and construction trades to meet regional demand.

The Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE)—Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Requesting Entity: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is located in Edwardsville, IL 62026.

The funding will be for a high tech simulation laboratory for advance practice nursing students to help address a nationwide nursing shortage.

The Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—The Hope Institute for Children and Families

Requesting Entity: The Hope Institute 15 E. Hazel Dell Lane Springfield, IL 62712

The funding will be for equipment, for training and a conference center, and dental clinic at the Children's Healthcare Partnership, Noll Medical Pavilion.

The Account: Innovation and Improvement—Reading is Fundamental

Requesting Entity: The point of contact for Reading Is Fundamental is Stephen Leach and the address is 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009.

The funding would be used for purposes authorized in Section 5451 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Hamilton Memorial Hospital

Requesting Entity: Hamilton Memorial Hospital is located at 611 S. Marshall McLeansboro, IL 62859.

Hamilton Memorial serves a very poor, rural area of Illinois and is in need of capital to convert this EMR project to better serve their patients. The funding will be to assist electronic file management and forms, computerized physician order entry, and a new HIS server to support electronic file conversions.

RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1018. Current practices by the

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to maintain the population of our nation's wild horses and burros have been ineffective, inhumane and expensive.

This bill will significantly curb the costly and inhumane practice of rounding up our nation's wild horses and burros into crowded short- and long-term holding pens. In their report, "Effective Long-Term Options Needed to Manage Unadoptable Wild Horses," the Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirmed that the bulk of budget shortfalls faced by the Bureau of Land Management have resulted from current management methods that move wild horses and burros from Herd Management Areas (HMA) to long- and short-term holding areas. The report affirms that BLM will face budget shortfalls if long-term corrections to current management practices are not put in place.

In the past, I have advocated for significant changes to current herd management practices to ensure that long-term reduction of wild horse and burro populations on public lands is not achieved by slaughter. Such concerns were expressed by the public and Members of Congress alike as recently as last summer.

The slaughter of these animals is an unacceptable solution that jeopardizes public trust and undermines congressional intent. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has never exercised its authority to slaughter wild horses and burros. Financial shortfalls are not sufficient reason to end the BLM's good record. As such, I strongly support the effective and humane actions this bill has taken to replace current practices.

Under this bill the Bureau of Land Management will identify appropriate public lands and sanctuaries for our nation's wild horses and burros. With passage of this bill, most of the beautiful and treasured wild horses and burros currently in holding pens will be released to roam on public lands. Additionally, the BLM's adoption program for wild horses and burros will be strengthened to improve efforts to increase adoption by qualified individuals. Furthermore, the bill wisely includes a provision that will help protect threatened and endangered species by requiring BLM to ensure a "thriving natural ecological balance" on public lands designated for wild horses and burros.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Aviation Administration—Facilities & Equipment

Legal Name of Recipient: Hazard-Perry County Airport Board—Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport